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ANNISTON CHEMICAL ACTIVITY June 29, 2007

Nerve agent VX projectiles



Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) and Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF) workers began the VX-filled 155mm projectile demilitarization campaign on June 3, 2007. VXfilled 155mm projectiles are similar to the GB-filled 155mm projectiles that were safely demilitarized at the ANCDF two years ago.

Key Messages

- The Anniston chemical munition stockpile is safely stored and maintained by the employees of the Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) under the command of Lt.Col. Phillip M. Trued, Jr.
- Disposal is safer than indefinite storage.
- Since 1990, more than 12,920 tons of chemicals and more than 1,850,700 munitions have been safely incinerated at U.S. Army facilities.
- The U.S. Army *IS* committed to the safety of the community and the environment.



CMA Acting Director visits Anniston Ormond receives ANCA briefing, tours ANCDF

ANCDF Paramedic Bradley Elliott monitors a facility entry while Dale A. Ormond, U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency acting director, closely observes the activity from the Anniston control room during a visit this month. (Creed)

Anniston Milestones

- June 3, 2007: Since VX disposal operations resumed, 2,902 projectiles and 1,924 gallons of liquid VX have been safely incinerated.
- July 23, 2006 ~ March 8, 2007: VXfilled M55 rocket disposal operations safely demilitarize all 35,662 rockets and warheads. Additionally, more than 41,056 gallons of VX have been processed.
- August 9, 2003 ~ March 2, 2006: All 142,428 GB munitions and 96,246 gallons of GB nerve agent demilitarized.
- **1997** ~ **2001**: The Pentagon spends more than \$340 million to build the ANCDF.
- **1997**: Chemical Weapons Convention (treaty) ratified.
- 1961: Anniston Army Depot begins chemical munitions storage mission.



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